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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

(INCLUDING FILING FEE AND/OR PETITION FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME FEE)

*Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000  
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.*

*See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)*

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To:	Commissioner for Patents Box RCE PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket No.:1734.1002
First Named Inventor	Kota ARIYAMA	
Application No.	09/421,005	Group Art Unit 2181
Filing Date	October 20, 1999	Examiner Paul R. Myers
CPA Filing Date		Confirmation No 3533
Title of Invention	INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM	

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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**Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (Box a or b must be completed)**

- a.  Previously submitted  
i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on August 4, 2003  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).  
ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_  
iii.  Other
- b.  Enclosed  
i.  Amendment/Reply  
ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

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**Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required).  
b.  Other

	BASIC FEE	\$	750.00
Since an Official Action set an original due date of <u>July 3, 2003</u> , petition is hereby made for an extension of time to cover the date this RCE is filed, for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$410); 3 months (\$930); 4 months (\$1,450); 5 months (\$1,970)):			
Suspension Fee (\$130.00)			300.00
Total of above Calculations =		\$	1050.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).			
TOTAL FEES DUE =		\$	1050.00

4.  Small entity status:

- a.  Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status.
- b.  A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status was previously filed and such status is still proper and desired.
- c.  is no longer claimed.

5.  Other:

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**6. METHOD OF PAYMENT**

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- A check in the amount of \$ \$1050.00 is enclosed.
- Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to Deposit Account No. 19-3935. (A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.)

**7. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION**

- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application and of any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 to maintain pendency hereof and of any such related application to:

Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**

STAAS & HALSEY LLP



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**9. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED**

NAME	James T. Strom	REGISTRATION NO.	48,702
SIGNATURE		DATE	3 Sep. 2003